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YUGOSLAV RED CROSS HOUSES GREEK CHILDREN

The Central Council of the Yugoslav Red Cross announces that 1,873 Greek refugee children are now housed in Red Cross homes in Serbia, Slovenia, and Croatia, at Bela Crkva, Crikvenica, Dutovlje, Stara Jora, and Sent Vid. The Red Cross has spent 66 million dinars for the refugees' housing and maintenance up to October 1949, in addition to the material aid supplied by mass organizations and local authorities.

The Red Cross announces that about 7,600 Greek refugee children are now living with their parents in Serbia and Macedonia. The Red Cross renders them special assistance.

The Red Cross has taken charge of 12,000 Greek children on the way to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania across Yugoslavia. The 2,000 children formerly housed at Buljkes were sent on to various satellite countries during 1949.

Of the 1,873 children, 1,653 were of Macedonian nationality and 220 Greek. They were taught in Greek by teachers under the direction of a Greek, Nikos Giorgiadis. After the Cominform Resolution, Giorgiadis and some of the teachers turned against the regime and were discharged.

When the Greek refugees left Buljke, for other People's Democracies, 531 children were left behind. The Yugoslav Red Cross prepared a further party of 187 children and 29 women, but the Czech government reneged on its previous promise and refused to accept them.

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